relations, including disarmament and non-proliferation issues, in a warm, friendly and constructive atmosphere. The two sides focussed on the many shared values, interest and opportunities for mutually beneficial co-operation. They also stated that they would seek to resolve all differences through constructive dialogue.

(b) India and the United States have agreed to increase co-operation internationally on issues of common concern and enhance bilateral co-operation in trade and commerce, finance and investment, information technology and other knowledge-based industries, energy and environment, science and technology and health. Towards this end, the two sides have agreed on an architecture of a broad-based, multi-layered institutional dialogue, covering dialogue on political and security matter, economic and commercial ties, counter-terrorism, energy and environment and science and technology;

(c) In addition to the bilateral relationship, the two sides also discussed regional issues, Prime Minister and President Clinton shared deep concerns over the setback to democracy and growing extremism in Pakistan. The two leaders agreed that problems between the countries of the region should be resolved peacefully by the concerned countries themselves and abjuration of violence and acts of terror is required for facilitating a meaningful dialogue.

Visit of former Pakistan Foreign Secretary to New Delhi

2957. SHRI ABANI ROY : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the former Foreign Secretary of Pakistan has recently visited New Delhi and held discussion with Prime Minister and other high dignitaries;

(b) if so, the details of discussions held and outcome thereof.

(c) whether Government have assessed the impact of his visit to India on relation with Pakistan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA) : (a) Government are aware that a former Foreign Secretary of Pakistan visited India recently. However, the former Foreign Secretary of Pakistan did not hold discussions with either officials or senior dignitaries of Government.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.